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SUBJECT: IRANIAN TREATMENT OF KURDISH REFUGEES

REF: STATE 77215 (NOTAL)

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL WHICH IS DUE TO
ARRIVAL OF REFTEL WITHOUT NIACT INDICATOR DURING
FRIDAY-SATURDAY WEEKEND.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD CONFIRM
MEANY'S ALLEGATION. IN FACT, PRESENT GOI POLICY SEEMS
TO BE TO ABSORB KURDISH REFUREES WHERE POSSIBLE. OUR
SOURCES INDICATE THAT EDUCATED KURDISH LEADERSHIP BEING
OFFERED GOOD POSITIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF IRAN. WITH
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EXCEPTION OF ONE U.S.-EDUCATED KURDISH PH.D. WHO CLAIMS

HE IS BEING PRESSURED TO RETURN TO IRAQ AGAINST HIS WILL,
KURDS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR IMMIGRATION TO U.S. REPORT NO
DIFFICULTIES WITH IRANIAN AUTHORITIES.

3. ACCORDING AMCONSUL TABRIZ AND OTHERS, THERE IS SOME
FEAR AMONG KURDISH REFUGEES THAT UNEDUCATED AMONG THEM,
WHO CANNOT CONTRIBUTE TO ALLEVIATION OF IRANIAN SKILLED
MANPOWER SHORTAGE, MAY SOME DAY BE FORCED TO GO BACK TO
IRAQ. THIS WOULD SEEM COUNTER TO IRANIAN ASSURANCES, AND
AFTER END OF APRIL WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSION OF IRAN-IRAQ
ONE-WAY BORDER AGREEMENT. IRANIANS GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS
TO ENCOURAGE HANDICRAFT PRODUCTION AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES
IN CAMPS, AND OTHER SIGNS INDICATE GOI PLANS FOR REFUGEES
TO REMAIN IN CAMPS FOR TIME BEING.

4. WE BELIEVE IRAN WILL WASNT EVENTUALLY TO INTERGRATE
REMAINING KURDISH REFUGEES INTO SOCIETY AS THOROUGHLY
AS POSSIBLE RATHER THAN LEAVING LARGE FOREIGN ETHNIC GROUP
OF PORVEN DISRUPTIVE CAPACITY INTACT WITHIN ITS
BORDERS. BUT QUESTION OF PERMANENT IMMIGRANT STATUS
APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED YET AND CERTAINLY
NOT IN CONTEXT OF NOW-EXTENDED APRIL 1 DEPARTURE DEADLINE
AS SUGGESTED BY MEANY.
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